

February 16, 2005

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Docket NO. 2004-357-WS

Because I am unable to appear during the hearing scheduled for May 4, 2005, please let it be known that I am writing to protest the proposed 42% rate increase for service with Carolina Water Service.

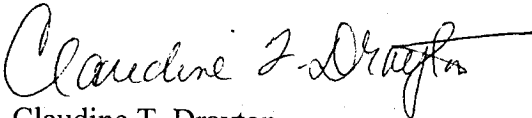
I find the proposed amount to be drastically ridiculous. The sub division which I reside is one of low income families. To pay \$40.92 would cause a hardship on my single family-single parent home.

When compared to other expenses, here are just a few things that the proposed monthly rate increase would exceed.

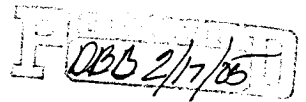
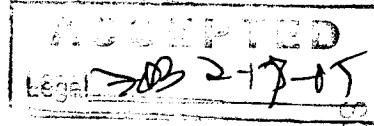
Real Estate property tax, current residence
Mortgage insurance - current residence
ADT 24/365 home monitoring

If Carolina Water Service, Inc. wants to secure capital, they may want to stop sending monthly statements to those of us who have signed up for direct drafts. Regulation states it is only necessary to send a statement when a charge differs from a previous month.

Respectfully submitted



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